

EVOLUTION MEGALAB NEWSLETTER: ISSUE 8 JANUARY 2008

Thank you to everyone who submitted news for this issue. If you have any news that you would like to be included in a future issue, please email it to Jenny at j.p.worthington@open.ac.uk by the 20th of the month.

FUNDING LOGOS

On the 'Acknowledgements' page of the website there will be an opportunity to acknowledge organisations who have supported the Evolution MegaLab.

If you would like any funders/supported acknowledged on the Evolution MegaLab please can you send their name, logo and website address.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The flags across the top of the website currently relate to language and when you click on a flag the website appears in the selected language.

We felt this needed to be changed as a lot of the content on the website will be country specific not language.

On the final website version the flags will relate to country and where more than one language is spoken in a country a list will appear and the relevant language can be chosen.



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Would each country be able to send a brief description of what activities they are planning for schools (for all ages).

These will then be collated and sent out and if countries want to collaborate activities this can then be organised.



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HISTORICAL DATA

If you have any historical data can you please send it to Mike Dodd (m.e.dodd@open.ac.uk).

EVOLUTION MEGALAB ACTIVITIES: THE NETHERLANDS

We just received 10,000 euro funding from the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds, to develop lessons for secondary schools.

EVOLUTION MEGALAB ACTIVITIES: SPAIN

Among the many people involved in the development of Evolution MegaLab it's nice to hear from this example of cooperation between two secondary students and the Museum of Natural History from Barcelona.

Laia Fernández and Víctor Alfonso are two students in their last year before university. They study in the secondary school in Sant Quirze, a town near Barcelona. In this course all students have to do a research work. With the help of their teacher Xavier Juan, also involved with MegaLab, they are working in cooperation with the Museum of Natural History from Barcelona. Their task consists mainly in identifying the similar species to *Cepaea* which are common in Catalonia and Spain and gathering all the information available about historical registers of *Cepaea* in their country.

They are very happy and lucky to have the help from the Museum. They invest a lot of time in travelling from their town to Barcelona but, in return, they receive all the cooperation needed: they have access to all the Museum registers, bibliography and collections and their works is being a great contribution to the development of Evolution MegaLab in Spain.

